

# Fluoridation of Drinking Water

**WAC 246-290-460****March 2016**

The adopted rule incorporates the new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommendation for a single optimal fluoridation level of 0.7 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The rule affects those Group A public water systems that choose to fluoridate. The adopted rule reduces the operating range from 0.8 to 1.3 mg/L, down to 0.5 to 0.9 mg/L. The adopted rule also includes clarifications to daily and monthly monitoring requirements, and requires systems to notify the Department of Health (department) before permanently stopping fluoridation.

Section Number	Section Title	Proposed Changes
460	Fluoridation of drinking water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires purveyors to notify the department before permanently discontinuing fluoridation.</li><li>• Adds a single optimal fluoridation concentration level of 0.7 mg/L.</li><li>• Clarifies daily and monthly monitoring and reporting requirements, and the method to calculate monthly concentration averages.</li><li>• Clarifies that purveyors shall take appropriate corrective action to meet the requirements of this section when any sample or measurement is out of “operating tolerance” or “off measure.”</li><li>• Defines the terms “operating tolerance” and “off measure.”</li><li>• Reduces the fluoridation operating range from 0.8 to 1.3 mg/L, down to 0.5 to 0.9 mg/L.</li></ul>

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